ORDINANCE SERIES: 2017 ORD. NO. 17-06

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 13 OF THE CODE OF EMMITSBURG ENTITLED PUBLIC SERVICES

BE IT RESOLVED, ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of Emmitsburg, Maryland, pursuant to the authority granted to them by the laws of Maryland and the Charter of the Town of Emmitsburg, that Title 13, Section 13.08.110 of the Emmitsburg Municipal Code, be amended as follows. New language is indicated by being in BOLD, CAPITAL LETTERS, and deleted language is designated by being in [brackets and strike out].

Chapter 13.08 Sewer System

13.08.110 Sewer Rates.

- A. {Unchanged}
- B. {Unchanged}
- C. Collection of Charges.

ALL sewer charges [are-payable-by] SHALL BE CHARGED TO AND COLLECTED [] FROM the owner of the property served. CHARGES ARE PAYABLE in full upon [mailing] RECEIPT of the quarterly bill. These bills are mailed by the first of January, April, July and October. THE BILLS ARE DUE ON THE 5TH OF THE FOLLOWING MONTH, RESPECTIVELY, FEBRUARY, MAY, AUGUST AND NOVEMBER. IF THE 5TH FALLS ON A HOLIDAY OR WEEKEND, THE BILLS ARE DUE ON THE NEXT BUSINESS DAY. If any bill remains unpaid after [thirty (30)] FORTY-FIVE (45) days from the date the bill is sent, the town [clerk] shall give the owner of the property served written notice of such delinquency [by mail.] AND THE TOWN MAY DISCONTINUE WATER SERVICE TO THE PROPERTY AT ANY TIME THEREAFTER. THE NOTICE SHALL BE MAILED TO THE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS OF THE PROPERTY OWNER OR POSTED ON THE PROPERTY SERVED. [The same collection and service disconnection procedures established for water charges will apply.] IF WATER SERVICE HAS BEEN DISCONNECTED FOR FAILURE TO PAY THE SEWER CHARGES, THEN PRIOR TO RECONNECTING THE WATER SERVICE, THE ENTIRE SEWER BILL DUE AND OWING AND A RECONNECTION CHARGE OF ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) MUST BE PAID IN FULL. A SEWER BILL REMAINING UNPAID AFTER 60 DAYS FROM THE DATE THE BILL WAS ORIGINALLY MAILED MAY BE COLLECTED FROM THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY IN THE SAME MANNER AND AT THE SAME INTEREST RATE AS TAXES ARE COLLECTED IN FREDERICK COUNTY, AND, [T] The sewer and service charges shall then be a first lien on the property served. NOTHING CONTAINED IN THIS SECTION SHALL PRECLUDE THE TOWN FROM THE USE OF ANY OTHER PROCEDURE AVAILABLE TO COLLECT UNPAID SEWER CHARGES.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, ENACTED AND ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall take effect on the date on which the Mayor approves the Ordinance after passing by the Board of Commissioners or on the date on which the Board of Commissioners pass the Ordinance over the veto of the Mayor.

PASSED this 5th day of September, 2017	
by a vote of <u>5</u> for, <u>against</u> absent	
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MAYOR	
APPROVEDVETOR	ED
Donald N. Briggs, Mayor	
	I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance has been posted as required by Chapter 2.04 of the Emmitsburg Municipal Code.
	Madeline Shaw, Town Clerk Date: